



Head Teacher: Mr Richard Napier

Term Ahead: Primary 4 October-December

Dear Parent/Carer,

The table below outlines what we will be working on in primary 4 this term.

<p>Literacy and English</p> <p>This term, we will continue reading <i>The Wishing Spell</i> from <i>The Land of Stories</i> series, linking our reading to literacy learning and comprehension activities. In the second half of the term, we'll enjoy <i>The Christmasaurus</i> by Tom Fletcher as our class novel. Literacy learning will also connect to our history-based topic, <i>Key People in History</i>.</p>  <p>In writing, children will continue to write daily, building on their use of accurate punctuation. We will introduce new targets such as using conjunctions to extend ideas and interesting openers to improve sentence variety. Pupils will write across a range of genres this term, including factual reports, newspaper articles, imaginative stories, and personal reflections.</p> <p>Pupils will continue to read independently for enjoyment and in small groups to develop comprehension, fluency, and expression.</p> <p>For spelling, we will focus on key spelling rules, patterns, and common words through regular practice. Please refer to the home learning grid for the specific spelling rules.</p>	<p>Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <p>In P4, we use a range of resources, including White Rose Maths, TeeJay and Sumdog, to support learning.</p>  <p>This term, we will continue developing addition and subtraction skills, focusing on subtraction with exchanging, fact families, and inverse operations. Also, we will begin to introduce times tables through play opportunities.</p>  <p>Later in the term, we will explore <i>Time</i>, learning to tell the time using analogue and digital clocks, including 12-hour and 24-hour formats, as well as working with calendars, timetables and timetables.</p> <p>Regular practice of number bonds and times tables at home is encouraged to help children apply their knowledge with confidence. Problem solving will continue to be embedded across all learning to deepen understanding and build mathematical thinking skills.</p> 
<p>Learning Across the Curriculum</p> <p>This term, our topic will focus on <i>Key People in History</i>. Pupils will explore the lives and achievements of significant individuals from different times and backgrounds, developing an understanding of how their actions have shaped the world we live in today. Learning will be brought to life through links with Literacy, Expressive Arts, and other areas of the curriculum.</p>  <p>Health & Wellbeing: We will continue to develop friends and friendship and provide opportunities for developing teamwork and communication skills. Also, celebrating similarity and diversity will be a key theme. This teaching will be in line with the RSHP progression: https://rshp.scot/first-level/#informationforparentsandcarers</p>  <p> French: We will continue to be revise and developing key vocabulary.</p> <p>Outdoor Learning: There will be P4 outdoor learning sessions every Monday. Children should come to school prepared for outdoor learning in all weathers, they must wear a jacket.</p> <p>We are excited to be involved in weekly cricket sessions delivered by coaches every Thursday for 6 weeks, starting on the 6th of November.</p>	<p>Admin</p> <p>P.E. will take place at the times below with Mr Murray. P4A – Wednesday mornings (1 longer session) P4B – Tuesday and Thursday mornings (2 shorter sessions) <i>Children should come to school on these days wearing appropriate PE clothing.</i></p> <p>Homework: In line with the school homework policy, there will be no assigned weekly homework. We will however provide an optional home learning wall. We encourage children to read regularly and practice times table facts to improve confidence when applying these skills to other learning.</p> <p>Important Dates: P4 Assembly to parents – Wednesday 26th Nov (afternoon) Last day of term – Friday 19th December</p> <p>School Padlet: For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our school Padlet via the link, our school website or the QR code below. https://padlet.com/BalgreenP/balgreen-primary-2025-26-fgd6lut82eah0qdy</p> 

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Gaunt, Mrs McNeill and Mrs Gillies (Class Teachers)